in the last three years are given below:—

Year	Number of cases Investigated	No. of cases in which Regular Departmental Action Initiated
1990-91	162	70
1991-92	190	45
1992-93	180	66

(d) No, Sir. (e) Does not arise.

Steps to avoid delays in Banks

126. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that avoidable delays and malpractices indulged in by the nationalised banks in their dealings with the exporters are resulting in a loss of Rs. 100 croreg foreign exchange every year as per the (newsitem entitled *Hindustan Times* dated the 5-6-1993;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what corrective steps Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Exporters Association had represented to Government in May, 1993 regarding their operational problems with banks. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have also considered these problems in their Standing Committee on Export Finance in July, 1993. On receipt of specific complaints, the concerned banks will take - remedial measures.

Factors responsible for smuggling of contraband items into the country

127. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Customs. Intelligence and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had taken up an exercise to identify the nexus between the police, coast guards, the departmental officials and the landing agents engaged in the smuggling of the contraband goods into the country;

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those found engaged in such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHAiNDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No.

(b) and (c) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Borrowing Funds from Abroad

128. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to borrow funds internationally at 10 per cent in dollar terms on foreign investment in power sector;